Narberth Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DISTRICT
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1962

N A R B E R T H U R B A N D I S T R I C T

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr.Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present the Annual Report on the health of your district during the year 1962.

During the year the health of your district has been good. There were no infant deaths or deaths from tuberculosis for a fourth consecutive year and also no new cases of tuberculosis were notified. One case of measles was notified and one smallpox contact was kept under surveillance.

Water Supply

Again the water supply had to be interrupted from time to time due to a shortage, but it is hoped that the newly formed Water Board will be able to solve this problem before next season.

Infectious Disease

Apart from food poisoning, little anxiety has been caused by infectious disease during recent years, but the outbreaks of smallpox which occurred during 1962 make one realise how important it is that all infants are vaccinated so that some definite immunity exists in the community as a whole.

Again I should like to emphasize how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living. Much work has been done to implement the recommendations made under the Food and Hygiene regulations and conditions have improved.

I should also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)....1962.....

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	Narberth U.D.1962	Narberth U.D.1961	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Live Births	14	16		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	14.6	16.7	17.42	18.0
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	nil	nil		
Still Births	nil	nil		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	24.08	18.1
Total Live and Still Births	14	16		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	nil	nil		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	nil	nil	31.46	21.4
- legitimate	nil	nil		
- illegitimate	nil	nil		
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	nil	nil	20.9	15.1
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate(Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	nil	nil	19.12	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week and Still Births combined)(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	42.74	

No deaths of infants under 1 year of age occurred this year.

Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	nil	0.35
Deaths	13	23		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.54	23.95	12.85	11.9

The general death rate shows a considerable decrease this year but it remains higher than the rate for the County and for the country as a whole. Heart disease was the cause of 6 out of

the total of 13 deaths this year. Of the total number of deaths, approximately 76.9% were of persons aged over 70 years and of these, 70% were of persons aged over 80 years.

Causes of death	Male	Female
TOTAL (All causes)	7	6
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	1
Coronary disease, angina,	2	3
Other heart disease	-	1
Other circulatory disease	1	-
Bronchitis	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1 Measles

TUBERCULOSIS

No deaths occurred this year from tuberculosis and no new cases were notified.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G.Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. During 1962, 36 school leavers(i.e. pupils aged 13 years and over) were skin tested and of these 33 required vaccination. The Chest Physician, Dr. D.Llewelyn Davies, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Narberth during November and carried out a survey of the general population. 171 people took advantage of this service and the results are as follows:-

	Grand Total		Male	Female
Total No.examined	171		81	90
No.found to be abnormal	31	(18.13%)	17	14
No.requiring further observation	5	(2.92%)	1	4
Other abnormalities of the chest	26	(15.21%)	16	10

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

Local Health Services

Vaccination Records of 161 primary vaccinations and 314 re-vaccinations were received this year.

Immunisation Records of 5 complete immunisations against diphtheria and 3 re-inforcing injections were received this year, and also 5 complete immunisations against whooping-cough.

VACCINATION GAINST POLIOMYELITIS

During 1962 the County Health Authority changed over from using the Salk vaccine to the Sabin vaccine, which is given orally. This method has been found to be effective and is much appreciated by patients and their parents.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

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